

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

5 Claims 1-9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (currently amended): A football kicking training aid comprising in combination:

a football having at least one attached patch, said patch or patches covering only one or both pointed ends of said football and not having a diameter greater than
10 two inches, said patch or patches having a plurality of either male or female fastener elements thereon;

a flexible thimble having a lateral area which user can position adjacent the fingerpad of said user wearing said thimble;

a pad on the said lateral area of said thimble, said pad having a plurality of
15 mating fastener elements thereon complementary to said fastener elements on said patch or patches, said mating elements on said thimble worn by a user releasably engaging said mating elements on said patch located at the upper end of said football, whereby said mating of said complementary fastener elements urges a user to properly support said football, for kicking by another player, at
20 said patch only at said upper end by a user's fingerpad within said thimble, and to continue supporting said football until the kicking action has been completed.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 10 wherein said mating fastener elements disengage from said complementary mating elements upon a player kicking said football.

25 Claim 12 (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 10 wherein said mating elements on said patch or patches comprise ~~Velcro.RTM~~ loop elements of the loop and hook product sold under the trademark VELCRO.RTM.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 10 wherein said mating elements on said patch or patches comprise ~~Velcro.RTM~~ hook elements
30 of the loop and hook product sold under the trademark VELCRO.RTM.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 10 wherein the material of said thimble is natural or synthetic rubber.

Claim 15 (currently amended):. A football kicking training aid comprising in combination:

- 5 a football having at least one attached patch, said patch or patches covering only one or both pointed ends of said football and not having a diameter greater than two inches, said patch or patches having a plurality of either male or female fastener elements thereon;
- a flexible glove having a plurality of fingers, said fingers having lateral areas
- 10 positioned adjacent the fingerpads of a user wearing said glove;
- a pad on said lateral area of the index finger of said glove, said pad having a plurality of mating fastener elements thereon complementary to said fastener elements on said patch, said mating elements on said glove worn by a user releasably engaging said mating elements on said patch located at the upper end
- 15 of said football, whereby said mating of said complementary fastener elements urges a user to properly support said football, for kicking by another player, at said patch at said upper end by a user's fingerpad within said glove, and to continue supporting said football until the kicking action has been completed.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 15 wherein

20 said mating fastener elements disengage from said complementary mating elements upon a player kicking said football.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 15 wherein said mating elements on said patch or patches comprise ~~Velcro~~.RTM loop elements of the loop and hook product sold under the trademark VELCRO.RTM.

25 Claim 18 (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 15 wherein said mating elements on said patch or patches comprise ~~Velcro~~.RTM hook elements of the loop and hook product sold under the trademark VELCRO.RTM.